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MAURITIUS.

*Plague, surra, and other diseases.*PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS, *September 20, 1902.*

SIR: It is now over four years ago since bubonic plague broke out in Mauritius, and has continued its ravages and devastation up to date amongst all classes of the population, except with slight cessation at occasional intervals.

To add to the many other misfortunes of the island, this town was threatened a short time since with Asiatic cholera and smallpox brought here by Indian troops and contract coolie laborers regularly imported to work on the sugar plantations. On the arrival of the vessel in port it was reported that several cases of cholera and smallpox had occurred on board during the voyage from India to Port Louis. The passengers were at once sent to a quarantine station, about 30 miles distant from this port. By the last reports from this station it appears that the disease is abating and the health of the quarantined improving.

Unfortunately, on the other hand, it will be seen from the inclosed newspaper reports that surra in an epidemic form has broken out amongst the cattle, horses, mules, asses, and oxen used as beasts of burden in the colony.

All the horses in use here are imported from Australia, oxen from Madagascar, mules and asses from South America. There is no stock whatever raised on the island, except a few goats for the use of the Mohammedans and Hindoos, whose religion proscribes the use of other animal food.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. CAMPBELL,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NORWAY.

Quarantine proclamation from Christiania.

October 16, 1902, quarantine was declared against Odessa on account of plague, and the following cities and countries were declared infected with plague: Constantinople, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Manila, Formosa, Egypt, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Madagascar, Réunion Islands, Mauritius, Porto Alegre and Paranague (Brazil), and Buenos Ayres. Pernambuco was declared no longer infected.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Cholera.

Chief Quarantine Officer J. C. Perry submits the following report on cholera:

Cholera report, Manila, for period from September 14 to September 20, 1902, inclusive.

Date.	Number of cases.					Total.	
	Filipinos.	Chinese.	Americans.	Europeans.	Others.	Cases.	Deaths.
September 14.....	6					6	4
September 15.....	8	1				9	10
September 16.....	4		1			5	
September 17.....	2					2	3
September 18.....	7	1				8	3
September 19.....	12					12	11
September 20.....	6		1			7	5
Total.....	45	2	2			49	36